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WAR-DAMAGED BRIDGES NOW BEING RESTORED;  
CZECH AIR LINES PROVIDE MORE SERVICE

EAST BERLIN RESTORES BRIDGES -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 49, 26 Feb 50

The following bridges, which suffered heavy war damage or destruction, are in process of reconstruction in East Berlin:

Liebknecht bridge is one of the most important crossings over the Spree River. The bridge had to be completely torn down and is being rebuilt to conform to its original capacity; that is, it will have a 15-meter wide roadway and its pedestrian walks will be 6 meters wide. The new bridge will be of modern steel construction and will meet all requirements of present-day shipping. It will be wide enough for two freighters to pass under it. Completion is scheduled for 1 May 1950.

Muehlendamm bridge, is scheduled for completion by 1 May. Construction of a new roadway of reinforced concrete and asphalt is under way. Inasmuch as this bridge, on which street-car service is to be resumed in the near future, will be subject to heavy traffic, the sidewalks will continue to be of wood planking.

The Waisenbrücke (bridge) is to be fully restored by the spring 1950.

The Oberbaum bridge, the most vital crossing for east-bound traffic, likewise is being reconstructed. Work will be carried out in three sections so that traffic need not be suspended entirely while building operations are in progress. This project, however, may not be fully completed until 1951.

The Oppen bridge near Adlershof will have been completely rebuilt by early summer of this year. In this instance, also, construction will have to proceed in such a way that one side of the bridge can be used for traffic while repairs are in progress on the other side. The two sectors are scheduled for completion by spring and fall of 1950, respectively.

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The Treskow bridge-construction project is scheduled to start soon. This bridge was blown up in the middle. It will be salvaged and the two parts joined.

The Schloss bridge will be repaired and ready for traffic by the end of the year.

The Marshall bridge has been rebuilt only 50 percent up to the present.

OVERHAULS EAST BERLIN STREETCARS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 28, 2 Feb 50

Seventy rail-motorcars and trailers belonging to the BVG [Berlin transit organization] in the East Sector of Berlin have recently been turned over for general overhauling to the car factories in Gotha, Goerlitz, Bautzen, and Weisky. These shops are controlled by the People-Owned Locomotive and Car Construction Plants (LOWA).

All vehicles are to be returned to service in May. Most of the streetcars were badly damaged during the war and have not been in use since.

BERLIN-LEIPZIG AIR SERVICE DURING FAIR -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 41, 17 Feb 50

During the Leipzig Fair, the Czechoslovak Air Lines will have daily scheduled flights from Berlin to Leipzig and return. One-way flights will cost 150 Deutsche marks round trips 270 Deutsche marks.

EAST GERMANY RESUMES INTERNATIONAL AIRMAIL SERVICE -- Tribuene, No 17, 2 Mar 50

Airmail service has been officially instituted between the German Democratic Republic and every other country in the world, with the exception of Spain and Japan.

INSTITUTES BERLIN -- SCANDINAVIAN AIR SERVICE -- Maerkische Volksstimme, No 52, 1 Mar 50

As of 1 March 1950, Czechoslovak Air Lines will have scheduled flights every Monday from Berlin-Schoenefeld to Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Helsingfors. In Copenhagen, direct connections to Oslo will be available. Further information may be obtained from the Czechoslovak Air Lines, Berlin W 8, Leipzigerstrasse 36, telephone 42 30 55.

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